Things I Pass Every Day

A small tree growing out of an entirely different species of tree.

Freception

I love moss.

It's beautiful style, creating a comforting atmosphere of quality wherever you find it.

It also can, in a pinch, be used as a bandage thanks to anti-septic qualities. It possesses- and indeed, it was heavily used as such in WWI.

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SHARD

Vose, Thomas
Shard / Thomas Vose
Accident - Self published, c. 1994
xxvii, 16 p. : ill. ; 14 cm.

1. Trivia -- Random
2. Opinions -- Misguided

There is no substitute for good manners, except, maybe fast reflexes.

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You Should Read:

(A website this time)

SCP Foundation

(Seeure. Contain. Protect.)

scp-wiki.wikidot.com

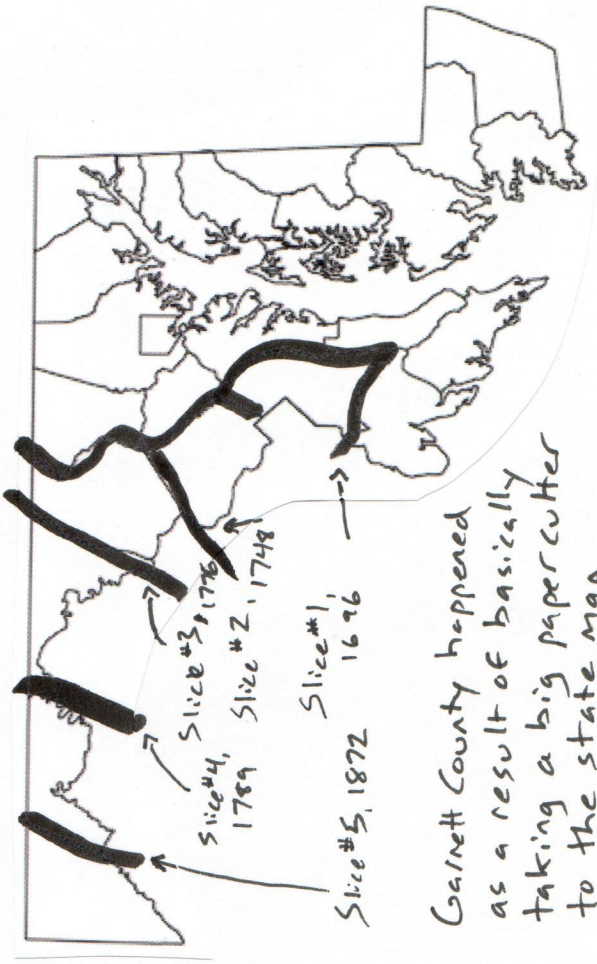
This massive work of collaborative fiction purports to be the files of the SCP Foundation - a shadowy agency tasked with securing and testing the paranormal and threats to humanity, such as:

SCP-038: a tree that grows a copy of anything touching its bark

SCP-7037: a 47-leaf clover that enables statistical impossibilities

SCP-3023: a phenomenon that causes objects to take on spider forms that try to murder people

And much, much more...



Garnett County happened as a result of basically taking a big papercutter to the state map over the decades.

hot take:

Mensa seems really sad. It strikes me as a lot of deeply insecure people seeking validation that they are, in fact, Smart. And basing it on IQ tests? Intelligence isn't something you can quantify, as despeately as people have tried to over the years for their own (often nasty) purposes.

Just seems like a lot of Dunning-Kruger bullshit to me, ripe for predatory sociopaths.

bedmonster

One of the yōkai, (Japanese folk spirits) this is a sleeping mat that animates and tries to strangle you when it feels taken for granted.

boraboratory

is → causality → absolute?

am I writing this, and are you reading this, because the chain of physical and biochemical reactions stretching back to the Big Bang (and possibly before) made it inevitable that we would exist as people that think and behave in the specific ways that we do? Is all the world a stage?

If so, could the future be perfectly extrapolated indefinitely with enough knowledge of particles, motion and effects they create?

If it can, can that future be altered, or would any efforts to do so be predetermined as well?

TEXAS SHARPSHOOTER FALLACY

This is a logical fallacy in which people play up things that are similar to make a point and ignore inconvenient outliers - basically chewing the target when shooting is done.

Books I ~~Hate~~ "Didn't enjoy"

← Just unrelentingly grim. Maybe the most depressing thing I've ever read.

Seneca is an insufferable, hypocritical jackass. Also a real brown-noser, not that it helped him much. →

← This guy really, really wants to be Jorge Luis Borges. He isn't.

Why screw around with molds for bullets, when gravity can do the work for you?

SHOT TOWERS

are, well, big towers where you make shot - by dripping molten lead from the top into water at the bottom - falling through the air gives it the shape you want.

Several still stand today, including a very nice one in Baltimore.

Video game music - hell, commercial music generally - is underappreciated, as are its creators.

So let's give one his due: Hirushige Tonomura, composer of the music for Duck Tales for the Nintendo Entertainment System - including the legendary "Moon theme - so well done that it made it into the new TV shows as a lullaby.

Whether for TV, video games, movies or commercials, art still has value, and a face and brain behind it making the rash of AI generation all the more insidious.

Neon lights specifically, give this color. Other colors are other elements burning -

Krypton Xenon Helium Mercury CO_2 (white) (color they just tint the glass)

Gin was the meth of 18th century England - cheap, pervasive and socially destructive. The "Gin Craze" ruined many.
Should really be called "Nathan Green's" - the name of the slave that taught Daniels how to distill.
Artichoke liqueur! Bitter.
Brandy = Brandewijn = "Burnt Wine"
JACK DANIEL'S
Tanqueray
LONDON DRY GIN
CYNAR
PALLINI
Limoncello
King's Ginger
ST-REMY
VSOP
BELVEDERE
AQUAVIT
THE GLENLIVET
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Two personal favorites.
"Little water"
"Aquavit" = "Uisge beatha"
"Water of Life"
"Mind your Ps and Qs" (pints) (tips)
Stemmed glasses prevent fingerprints and body heat from affecting wine.
Children were often sent to saloons to pick up buckets of beer for the family pre-prohibition.
Hinged lidson steins prevented spills (and kept flies out)
Salty snacks = people drink more.